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The National Park Service Seeks Public Comments about Proposed Rehabilitation of a Water Distribution System at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public comments about potential issues related to the proposed rehabilitation of a deteriorated water-distribution system within Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. This water-distribution system serves approximately 2,900 visitors and staff daily in the developed areas of Giant Forest, Lodgepole, Wolverton, and Wuksachi in Sequoia National Park. The system is over 60 years old, is in poor condition, fails regularly, and does not provide reliable structural fire suppression capabilities or comply with current fire and plumbing codes. This project is needed to provide a viable water source that meets/exceeds state and federal water-quality requirements and meets potable water demands in developed areas. Project activities being considered include the replacement and rehabilitation of approximately 23,000 linear feet of water line, valves, and associated equipment. To obtain additional information about the proposed project, visit the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki> or request more information from Environmental Protection Specialist Nancy Hendricks at (559) 565-3102. All public comments must be received by **October 2, 2010**.

Public comments may be submitted via the PEPC website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/seki>. In addition, you may direct comments regarding this project to the park in writing by e-mail to seki_planning@nps.gov or by either hand-delivering or mailing your comments to:

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Public comments, including personal identifying information (name, address, phone number, e-mail address, etc.) may be made available to the public at any time. Even if a commenter requests to have personal identifying information withheld, the National Park Service cannot guarantee this will be done. The National Park Service will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. *Anonymous comments will not be accepted.*

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